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CHAPTER 4 – THE THREATENING MASK

WROOOOOm

THE ONLY BLOOD BEING SPILT HERE IS MINE!!

WE DID IT!

THIS WAY WE CAN THREATEN THEM WITH EASE.

IT'S A HIT AND RUN.

WELL THIS IS CONVENIENT.

IT JUST DROVE OFF LEAVING AN INJURED MAN BEHIND.

HUH?

THREATEN THEM?

...HUH?

DOCTOR ...CALL A DOCTOR !!

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WE CAN'T THREATEN THEM, THAT WOULD BE A CRIME!!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I WAS THE ONE WHO RAN INTO THE CAR IN THE FIRST PLACE.

WE'LL JUST ASK THEM TO GET US A JOB THAT WILL ALLOW ONE TO GO IN AND OUT OF THE GHOST TOWER AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

IT'S NOT AS IF WE'LL BE ASKING FOR MONEY.

AREN'T YOU THE LEAST BIT ASHAMED?

TO USE SUCH DIRTY METHODS ...

THAT'S A FAIR DEAL.

AND AS LONG AS YOU DO THE JOB PERFECTLY, NO ONE WILL BE AT A LOSS.

NOPE.

IN THIS WORLD,

THERE ARE NO PEOPLE THAT LEAD A COMP-LETELY CLEAN LIFE.

CAN YOU STAND ?

IT'S NOT BROKEN IS IT?

NO ...

IT'S NOT.

WHEN HE NOTICED THE BALL YOU KICKED.

THE DRIVER HIT THE BRAKES-

I'M GLAD YOU'RE NOT HURT.

TETSUO IS-

SOMEWHAT SCARY.

BRIBING PEOPLE SO THEY WRITE HIM A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE STATING THE PATIENT HAS SUFFERED MAJOR DAMAGE...

HE IS SKILLED IN THIS,

THAT THE WHITE GHOST FROM BACK THEN,

IT COULD EVEN BE,

AND HE IS USED TO TELLING LIES...

IS ACTUALLY TETSUO HIMSELF.

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I'LL JUST GO TO THE TOILET.

WE'LL WAIT FOR ABOUT AN HOUR BEFORE WE CALL THEM WITH OUR DEMANDS.

IF I PLAN ON RUNNING,

THEN NOW'S THE TIME.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY I MIGHT GET, THIS ISN'T RIGHT.

I HAVE A FEELING IT MIGHT TURN INTO SOME-THING REALLY BAD!!

KYA!!

WOAH.

CRASH

I-I'M REALLY SO...

. . . .

HANAZONO-SAN!

HA-

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

AMANO-KUN.

花園芳江

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*SIGN: HANAZONO YOSHIE

MY MOTHER HAS BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD.

SINCE OUR FATHER DIED IN AN AIR RAID,

I SEE.

ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO,

MY MOTHER'S HEART GOT BAD.

AND NOW IT'S MY TURN TO LOOK AFTER HER.

PAYING FOR THE HOSPITAL FEES MUST BE REALLY HARD ON YOU.

. . . . .

MIMURA...?

AND HE OFFERED TO HELP YOU SEE!

IT HAPPENED THAT I MET MIMURA-KUN BEFORE I GOT A JOB.

THAT MIMURA WOULD TAKE CARE OF HIS FIANCÉ'S MOTHER BUT...

...I UNDER STAND,

AND SHE'LL FINALLY GET A SURGERY THERE.

THEY WILL TAKE HER TO A LARGE HOSPITAL IN TOKYO NEXT MONTH,

THAT'S THE REASON YOU'RE MARRYING HIM?

COULD IT BE,

AND HE ALWAYS TAKES ME TO WORK WHEN I'M RUNNING LATE.

MIMURA-KUN IS VERY RELIABLE,

ABSOLUTELY NOT!

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WILL YOU CONTINUE YOUR JOB AS A JOURNALIST?

I'M SOR-RY.

.....

I'M REALLY,

NOT MARRYING HIM JUST FOR THAT.

NO, I'LL RESIGN.

SINCE MIMURA-KUN AND HIS PARENTS ARE TELLING ME TO.

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IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS ARSON.

EVEN TODAY, I WENT TO COLLECT DATA ON YESTERDAYS FIRE.

IT WAS A JOB WORTH DOING,

ARSON ...?

.....

OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT MY JOURNALIST INSTINCT IS TELLING ME.

IT SMELLS LIKE A CRIME.

SO I'M A BIT DISAP-POIN-TED.

SO IT'LL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CATCH THE PERPE-TRATOR.

IT LOOKS LIKE THERE AREN'T MANY CLUES EITHER,

SHOULD I CALL THE NUMBER I RECEIVED FROM THE GUY BACK THEN?

COULD YOU CALL ME IF YOU GET ANY MORE INFORMATION ?

SURE.

BECAUSE OF THAT PERSON ...

MY BOOKS, DIARIES, PICTURES, MY EVERY-THING....

THAT'S RIGHT.

THE FIRE HAPPENED IN HON-MACHI RIGHT?

SO IT WAS ARSON .....

UH...

YEAH.

IF THAT PART ABOUT YOU BECOMING RICH WAS TRUE OR NOT...

IS SHE HOPING FOR SOMETHING?

. . . .

!!

. . . .

I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE SHE WANTS ME TO BE RICH...

IF POSSIBLE,

. . .

COULD IT BE SHE DOESN'T WANT TO MARRY MIMURA?

...WAS I RIGHT,

IT'S NOT ME.

DOES SHE WANT ME TO SAVE

IT'S JUST BECAUSE I MIGHT HAVE IT,

MONEY THAT IS.

TO SPONSOR HER...

SHE'S JUST HOPING TO FIND A NEW, BETTER PERSON THAN MIMURA,

SHE NOTICED ,

...

IT'S TRUE.

HER SELFISH FEELINGS.

THAT I NOTICED,

BECOME A RICH MAN VERY SOON!!

I WILL,

SO YOU DIDN'T RUN.

THERE ARE NO PEOPLE WHO LEAVE A COMPLETELY CLEAN LIFE.

I'LL DO
IT.

IT'S AS
YOU SAID
SENSEI.

BE IT THREATENING SOMEONE OR WHATEVER.

AH YOU'RE RIGHT.

FIRST IT'S THE DRIVER!!

YOU WON'T BE THREATENING MARUBE.

A SHOWDOWN WITH MARUBE HUH...

SOMEHOW MY HEART IS BEATING REALLY FAST...

JUST CALL THEM AND TELL THEM YOU WANT TO MEET THEM AND TALK TO THEM IN PERSON.

OK?

I GOT IT.

WRONG AGAIN

THE ONE WHO HIT YOU WAS A GIRL.

LISTEN HERE.

NO

DIDN'T YOU SEE THE PERSON WHO HIT YOU?

A GIRL?

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HIS 18 YEAR OLD UNDERAGED* DAUGHTER.

MARUBE'S DAUGHTER SATOKO.

SO DON'T BE NERVOUS AND THREATEN HER TO YOUR HEARTS CONTENT.

*IN JAPAN ONE IS UNDERAGED UNTILL THE AGE OF 20

this is her speaking...

I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO MARUBE SATOKO...

ERM,

...

...HELLO?

CLICK

P——ING

P——ING

P——ING

YOU... YOU DROVE AWAY DIDN'T YOU...?

I'M THAT VICTIM!

eh!!

A...ABOUT 3 HOURS... AGO...

.....ERM,

eh...

I was, erm,

WELL YOU SEE...

eh, erm,

YOU HIT SOMEONE WITH THE CAR...

TO TALK ABOUT WHAT TO DO FROM HERE ON OUT...

I..I WOULD LIKE US TO MEET IN PERSON ONCE...

uwaaaa, waaaaaah,

EXCUSE ME...

ERM... COULD YOU PLEASE STOP CRYING ...

uwaa,

sniffle,

IN FRONT OF SOGOU ...

TOMOR-ROW BEFORE 1 O'CLOCK ...

sniffle,

I...I'm so very sorry,

ke-keep this a secret from my father!

eh, erm,

uuuuuuu
SILENT
COULD
enuffa
uuuuuu

TO STOP CRYING.
I'M TELLING YOU.

SOUNDED SCARY AND WAS VERY EFFECTIVE.

THAT VOICE OF YOURS

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PLEASE FORGIVE ME

WHOSE FACE I DON'T EVEN KNOW.

MADURE SATOKO-SAN.

TO SAVE HANAZONO-SAN

I DID IT.

IT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER.

GO TAKE A BATH.

HEY, AMA■O-KUN.

CAN YOU, TALK TO ME ABOUT YOUR CHILDHOOD?

WHAT?

FINE, BUT ARE YOU SURE? IT'S NOTHING SPECIAL.

IT'S FINE, JUST TELL ME ABOUT IT.

I'M REALLY INTERESTED.

LET ME SEE

...I.

DIDN'T HAVE ANY FAMILY SO I WAS RAISED IN AN ORPHANAGE.

AND HE WAS POOR...

HE WAS A SCHOLAR.

WHEN I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD I GOT TAKEN IN BY MY FOSTER FATHER.

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...

THA...

THAT'S AMANO, THE GUY I WAS TELLING YOU ABOUT.

...I'M ALSO DOING WELL WITH THE TREASURE HUNT.

OF COURSE.

YOU ARE.

PROTECTING YOUR CHASTITY... RIGHT?

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO

TETSUO, ARE YOU LISTENING?

TO OBTAINING EVERYTHING,

AND BECOMING YOUR BRIDE.

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CHAPTER 5 - INSIDE

OK...

SO YOU CAN BE YOUR USUAL SELF TODAY.

YOU SCARED HER ENOUGH ON THE PHONE YESTERDAY,

I'LL DO THAT.

THERE'S NO NEED TO TREAT MARUBE'S DAUGHTER AS AN ENEMY.

AFTER SHE MEETS OUR DEMANDS JUST ACT FRIENDLY.

HERE.

A WALLET AND A MAP OF THE MEETING PLACE.

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JUST ARRANGE FOR A MEETING.

I'LL BE WAITING OUTSIDE.

AMANO-SAMA,

SO WHOM DOES HE GET ALL THE MONEY FROM?

HE DOESN'T WORK,

THERE'S QUITE A LOT OF MONEY IN HERE.

I...I'M...

MARUBE SATOKO.

SINCE YOU SAID TO KEEP IT A SECRET FROM YOUR FATHER I'LL SAY THIS TO YOU,

TRUTH BE TOLD, JUST YESTERDAY I WAS ON MY WAY TO YOUR FATHER TO ASK HIM FOR A JOB.

I'M INTERESTED IN OLD BUILDINGS,

THE THING IS, I WANT A JOB AT THE GHOST TOWER.

YOU COULD PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR ME...

AS HIS RELATIVE,

ERM,

....IT WOULDN'T DO ANY GOOD.

BUT THAT...

THEN I GUESS I HAVE NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO TALK TO YOUR FATHER.

I'M WILLING TO PAY THE HOSPITAL FEES...IS THAT NOT GOOD ENOUGH?

HE ISN'T SOMEONE WHO WOULD LISTEN TO ME.

RAN OVER BY YOU...

I, I GOT...

I'LL TRY ASKING MY FATHER.

I UNDERSTAND

SHE'S TERRIBLY AFRAID OF HER FATHER...

IT WAS THE SAME YESTER DAY...

HER FATHER WAS HER WEAK POINT

TETSUO, YOU WERE RIGHT WHEN YOU SAID,

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THEN PLEASE GIVE UP, I'LL PAY YOU TWICE AS MUCH SO PLEASE JUST ACCEPT THAT.

IF IT HAPPENS THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO CONVINCE HIM NO MATTER WHAT,

I'LL INTRODUCE YOU AS A BROTHER OF ONE OF MY FORMER CLASSMATES.

MY FATHER DOESN'T LIKE IT IF I GET NEW MALE FRIENDS SO...

THAT WOULD ONLY BENEFIT YOU

I CAN'T DO THAT

I'M BEGGING YOU!!

IT'S TRUE IT'LL BE BENEFICIAL FOR ME BUT,

IT'LL ALSO BE GOOD FOR YOU.

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE IN KOBE ANYMORE.

IF THAT HAPPENS,

IF YOU'LL TRY TO THREATEN MY FATHER WITH THE HIT AND RUN INCIDENT,

HE WILL SEE YOU AS AN ENEMY.

YOU'RE OVERREACTING ...

...

TO LIVE WITHOUT CAUSING EVEN A MINOR OFFENCE.

IT'S DIFFICULT,

B

WHY...

BEING HELD IN CONFINEMENT FOR MONTHS UNDERGOING SEVERE INTERROGATIONS...I'VE SEEN MANY PEOPLE GO MAD DUE TO THAT.

BEING ACCUSED OF THIEVERY JUST FOR PICKING UP A LOST ITEM...

TO FIND A FAULT IN SOMETHING COMPLETELY ORDINARY AND ARREST SOMEONE FOR THAT...

BESIDES, IT'S EASY,

MY FATHER IS A PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

CAN MARUBE-SAN DO SUCH A THING?

WITHOUT ANY CONNECTIONS WITH THE POLICE IT'S IMPOSSIBLE RIGHT?

EH?

ISN'T THE FACT THAT HE IS A PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WITH POLITICAL POWER

BUT THE THING THAT'S MOST FRIGHTENING ABOUT HIM,

ISN'T FIT FOR A PUBLIC PROSECUTOR IN THE FIRST PLACE.

BUT THE FACT THAT HE-

I'LL PROBABLY GET IN A LOT OF TROUBLE TOO...

NOT JUST YOU,

IF HE FINDS OUT HIS RELATIVE DID A HIT AND RUN, HE'LL GET REALLY MAD.

YOU'LL REALIZE I'M NOT JUST MAKING THINGS UP.

THAT HE IS A PUBLIC PROSE-CUTOR,

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TETSUO.

WITH A VILE PERSO-NALITY...

[illegible] SATOKO.

I'VE BROUGT A FRIEND WITH ME...

ZZZ
...

TAKES IT'S TOLL.
BEING PUNTY.

CLANK

WHO'S THAT?

DIDN'T I TELL YOU I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY YOUNG GUYS IN THIS HOUSE?

REMEMBER? SATOKO.

HE JUST MOVED AND IS LOOKING TO FIND SOME WORK HERE...

HE'S MY CLASSMATE SAKIKO-SAN'S BROTHER,

BUT, THE MANSION IS TOO BIG FOR JUST ME AND THE OLD HOUSEKEEPER TO HANDLE...

WHY CAN'T YOU UNDER-STAND THAT?

IT'S FINE WITH JUST THE THREE OF US,

THE OLD HOUSE-KEEPER,

AND YOU.

ME,

YOU CAN DO EVERYTHING BY YOURSELF RIGHT?

BUT...

A MURDER INCIDENT HAPPENED THERE, AND NOT ONLY THAT, THERE ARE MANY RUMORS GOING AROUND ABOUT IT...

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW THIS BUT,

DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD GET MORE PEOPLE...?

TO BE IN THAT MANSION ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN WITH JUST THREE PEOPLE...

WHO SAID YOU COULD SPEAK?

EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT THE THINGS YOU JUST SPOKE OF.

I'M IN CHARGE OF THE PLACE WHERE THE OLD WOMAN GOT MURDERED RIGHT?

A STUPID GIRL KILLED HER OLD WOMAN AND COMMITTED SUICIDE.

NOTHING ELSE HAPPENED AFTERWARDS.

I TOLD HER WE'D EMPLOY AMANO-SAN...

I-I MADE A PROMISE TO MY FRIEND!!

I'LL...

I'LL BECOME MORE OBEDIENT AND LISTEN TO EVERY-THING YOU SAY.

IF YOU DO THAT...

AT LEAST GIVE HIM A CHANCE...

...AT LEAST,

YOU'LL REALLY BECOME OBEDIENT?

THEN I'LL CONSIDER GIVING YOU THE JOB, GOT IT?

IF YOU MANAGE TO DO THAT,

ALLRIGHT! THIS IS WHAT WE'LL DO.

IN THREE HOURS, TAKE THE MEASUREMENTS FOR THE NEW CURTAINS AND RUGS IN THE GHOST TOWER MANSION AND BRING ME SOME SAMPLES.

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TAKING ALL THE MEASUREMENTS INSIDE SUCH A LARGE MANSION ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CAN DO IN 3 HOURS...

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...

ABOUT THE HIT AND RUN INCIDENT ...?

SHO-ULD I TELL HIM-

I'VE GOTTEN NO-WHERE.

I GAVE HIM A CHANCE DIDN'T I?

BUT IF I DO THAT, THEN THIS GIRL WILL...

I CAN DO IT IN JUST TWO HOURS.

ACTUALLY,

I'LL DO IT...

IT'S IM-PO-SSI-BLE.

I SEE.

HOW DID IT GO?

AND TO EVEN BRING SAMPLES IS IMPOSSIBLE ...!!

TO TAKE THE MEASUREMENTS OF THE CURTAINS AND RUGS OF THE GHOST TOWER MANSION IN SUCH A SHORT TIME,

I GOT ANGRY AND I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT THE GIRL, SO I TALKED BACK TO HIM...

AA~~~

WHAT SHOULD I DO TETSUO~~~

SO IF YOU DO ALL THAT YOU'LL GET EMPLOYED ?

THAT PART ABOUT THE 2 HOURS WAS TOO MUCH~

I SAID SOMETHING STUPID~~~~

IT'LL TAKE A WHOLE HOUR JUST TO GET THERE AND BACK, WHAT SHOULD I DO~

AA~ BUT IT'S NO USE....

2 HOURS HUH...

LET'S.

LET'S JUST GIVE UP... TETSUO~

YEAH

THAT KUROBE, HE SURE IS A DEVOURER OF

TAKING MEASURES FOR THE WHOLE MANSION DOES SOUND A BIT EXAGGERATED...

IF IT'S US, ONE HOUR WILL BE ENOUGH, AM I RIGHT?

WE'LL SHOW THAT MARUBE FELLOW.

LET'S GO.

AND AFTER ALL THE HARDSHIPS, I'VE FINALLY OBTAINED IT...

I ALWAYS,

WANTED TO HAVE THAT TOWER.

SO I WON'T ALLOW SOME SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE TO JUST COME AND TAKE IT AWAY...

YOU MUSTN'T SHOW ANY OPENINGS.

YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL SATOKO.

THE TREASURES-

THEY A-LL BELONG TO ME, MARUBE DOUKUROU.

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CHAPTER 6 - HANAZONO-SAN

RING

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WHO IS IT?

SATOKO~

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IT'S AMANO-KUN.

RIGHT, SATOKO?

I WONDER WHAT HE CAME BACK FOR...

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.....

THERE WAS NO NEED FOR YOU TO COME BACK JUST TO TELL ME YOU GAVE UP.

BECAUSE IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE-

PLEASE LEAVE

IT'S ONLY BEEN AN HOUR

THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD'VE ALREADY TAKEN THE MEASURE-MENTS.

I DID IT.

MAMA-
MAMA

MA-
MA

AND HERE ARE THREE SAMPLES OF IT.

HERE ARE THE NOTES WITH THE MEASUREMENTS FOR THE CURTAINS AND CARPETS YOU NEED FOR YOUR MANSION.

YOU ARE MISTAKEN.

THEY ARE THE PROOF THAT I'M TELLING THE TRUTH.

PLEASE TAKE THESE NOTES.

AFTER ALL, I MYSELF DON'T EVEN KNOW THE MEASURE MENTS.

SO YOU JUST THOUGHT OF WRITING DOWN SOME RANDOM NUMBERS.

IN CONTRARY TO THE WAY HE LOOKS THIS GUY SURE HAS SOME GUTS, RIGHT SATOKO?

TO THINK HE WOULD TRY AN SWINDLE ME.

THEN WHAT'D YOU DO DURING THAT ONE HOUR?

THE JANE TYPHOON*

HUH?

YOU MUST REMEMBER IT.

4 YEARS AGO, THE GREAT TYPHOON "JANE" PASSED HERE.

AROUND 19.000 HOUSES GOT COMPLETELY DESTROYED AND OVER 100.000 HOUSES GOT PARTIALLY DESTROYED.

ABOUT 400 PEOPLE DIED,

AND THE CURTAINS AND CARPETS GOT FLOODED.

THE WINDOWS GOT BROKEN,

CONSIDERING THE CIRCUM-STANCES THERE'S NO WAY THAT THE GHOST TOWER GOT AWAY UNDAMAGED.

AND HE TOLD ME THERE HAD BEEN SOME LARGE-SCALE WORK DONE ON THE INTERIOR DESIGN 4 YEARS AGO.

SO I CALLED THE CONTRACTOR THAT DOES REPAIRS ON WESTERN-STYLE HOUSES,

I ONLY HAD TO GO AND GET SOME SAMPLES-

AFTER-WARDS,

TOOK ME 30 MIN-UTES.

THAT ONLY,

AND HE STILL HAD THE BLUEPRINTS LEFT.

HE REMEMBERED IT CLEARLY, SINCE THE CURTAINS AND CARPETS HAD TO BE CUSTOM MADE,

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SO PLEASE EMPLOY ME AS PROMISED

WHICH TOOK ANOTHER 30 MINUTES.

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AMA-ZING

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YES.

EOM... AMANO WAS IT?

THAN I THOUGHT.

YOU'RE MORE INTERESTING,

YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF ALL THE CHORES AROUND HERE.

FROM TODAY ON,

HEY, AMANO,

...

AH,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

OF SATOKO?

WHAT DO YOU THINK,

WHAT'S THAT? AN REDHEAD AN-CHAN?

...?

SEE?

DOESN'T SHE LOOK CUTE, LIKE A REDHEAD AN-CHAN?

EH?

EVER PUT A HAND ON SATOKO-

IT WAS A GREAT BOOK.

IT WAS REALLY POPULAR LAST YEAR, DIDN'T YOU READ IT?

I SEE

YOU'LL END UP LIKE KOBAYASHI TAKIJI.*

*KOBAYASHI

INFIL-
TRATION
SUCCESSFUL
!!

I DID
IT!

LET'S GO.

THAT'S
GREAT.

YOU REALLY
MANAGED TO DO
EVERYTHING IN
ONE HOUR.

YOU ARE A
GENIUS
TETSUO.

HE TOLD ME TO
COME AGAIN
TOMORROW AT
9 AM!!

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ERM...DIDN'T YOU SAY IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU WOULDN'T SHOW YOURSELF AROUND MARUBE TOO MUCH...

BESIDES, YOU DON'T HAVE A LICENSE SO IT WOULD BE WEIRD IF YOU WERE WITHOUT A DRIVER.

WELL HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT I LOOK LIKE.

A FRIEND WITH TOO MUCH TIME ON HIS HANDS, TO DRIVE YOU AROUND.

JUST TELL MARUBE YOU HAVE,

HE'S SURELY INVESTIGATING YOU AS WE SPEAK.

YOU WON'T BE ABLE KEEP SECRETS FROM THAT GUY.

INSP-
ECTOR
!

IT'S ME,
MARUBE.

COULD I SPEAK TO
INSPECTOR
JINBABUE?

ACT-
UALLY,

I HAVE SOME-
PLACE TO GO SO I
CAN'T KEEP YOU
COMPANY TODAY.

THERE IS
SOMEONE
I'D LIKE
HIM TO
INVESTIGATE.

WHERE
?

EH?

OK,

SO JUST
STAY AT
HOME AND
RELAX.

I HAVE TO GO
TAKE CARE OF
SOMETHING THAT
COULD CAUSE US
TROUBLE IF
MARUBE WERE TO
GET WIND OF IT.

I'LL DO THAT.

I CAN CALL HANAZONO -SAN.

TO MAKE A PHONE CALL IN FRONT OF TETSUO, BUT NOW,

SOME-HOW I'D FEEL EMBA-RRAS-SED.

COULD I SPEAK TO HANAZONO-SAN FROM THE LOCAL NEWS DEPARTMENT...?

ERM,

THIS IS THE KOBE NEWS AGENCY.

IT'S ABOUT THAT FIRE INCIDENT, I GOT SOME NEW INFORMATION.

I THOUGHT OF CALLING YOU.

AH, AMANO-KUN, IS THAT YOU?

HANAZONO SPEAKING

WHAT?

YEAH.

I DON'T EVEN CARE ABOUT THAT FIRE ANYMORE.

THIS FEELS LIKE A DREAM.

I'M HAVING A CONVER-SATION WITH HER AND IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US.

AN EYEWITNESS SAW A ROUND FOREIGN CAR SHAPED LIKE A PILL BUG.

YOU SEE, AT THE SCENE,

COULD THAT HAVE BEEN TETSUO'S CAR?

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW.

I STILL HAVE NO IDEA IF IT'S ANYHOW RELATED TO ARSON, BUT,

EH?

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AMANO-KUN.

...SO.

WHAT?

EH.

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THAT MAYBE I SHOULD,

I'M THIN-KING,

CONTINUE WITH MY JOB.

AND IF HE SAYS I SHOULD QUIT NO MATTER WHAT...

SO I'M THINKING ABOUT ASKING MIMURA-KUN ABOUT LETTING ME CONTINUE.

I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FORGET THE FUN OF INVESTIGATING LIKE THIS...

THERE'S NO WAY THAT HE WOULD'VE KNOWN WHERE I LIVE AFTER JUST MEETING ME...

NO, THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S POSSIBLE.

IS THAT SO.

IS,

I'LL RETHINK ABOUT MARRYING HIM.

YOU SHOULDN'T FORCE YOURSELF!! YOUR MOTHER WILL SURELY UNDERSTAND!!

THAT'S GOOD!

SO I GOT A JOB AT THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR MARUBE.

TRUTH BE TOLD, I THOUGH OF GETTING A JOB MYSELF,

WOR-KING SURE IS PREC-IOUS,

YOU MEAN THE GUY THAT BOUGHT THE GHOST TOWER?

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR MARUBE...

I WONDER IF I SAID TOO MUCH...

DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING AMANO-KUN ?

HEY, TELL ME!!

LIKE THE DISCOVERY OF A TREASURE!

YOU MIGHT EVEN GET SOME EXCLUSIVE NEWS!

I HAVE THIS FEELING THAT SOMETHING GREAT MIGHT HAPPEN NEAR THAT TOWER.

YEAH.

I'M HANGING UP.

... WELL,

A GHOST STORY WON'T MAKE THE HEADLINES YOU KNOW.

WHAT,

IT'S NOTHING, THAT PLACE JUST HAS SOME DARK HISTORY WITH HARD TO EXPLAIN EVENTS.

SO THAT'S ALL IT WAS.

...I WANT TO TALK TO HER A WHILE LONGER...

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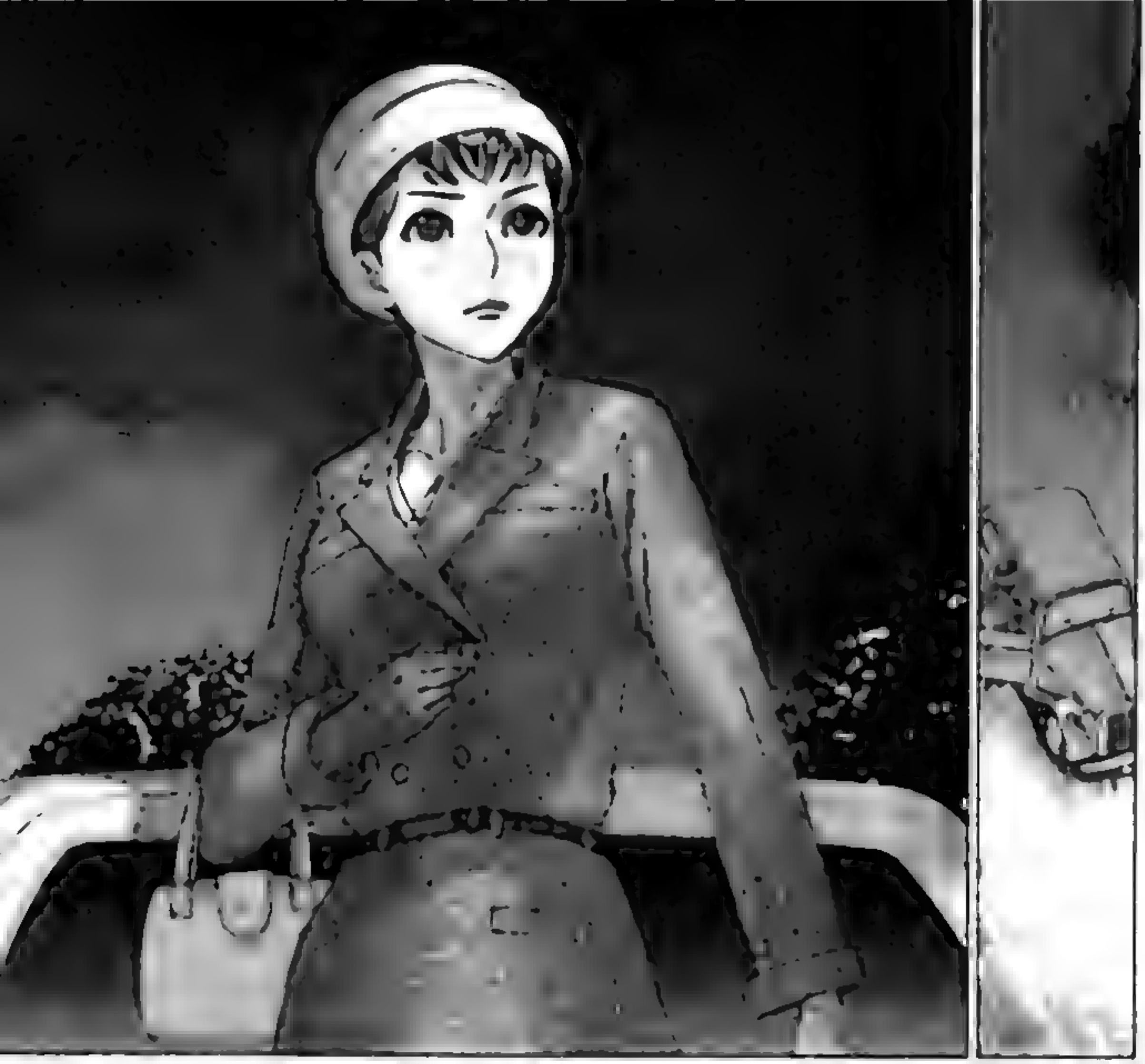
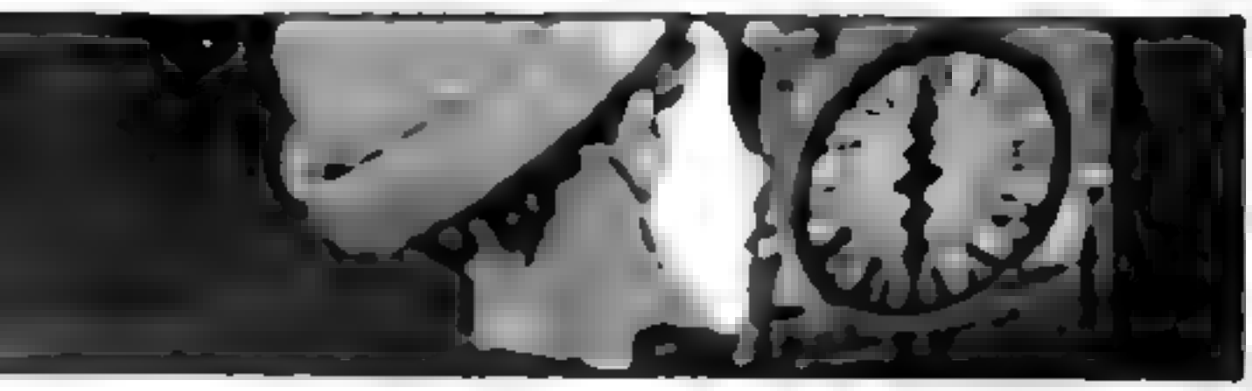
ERM,

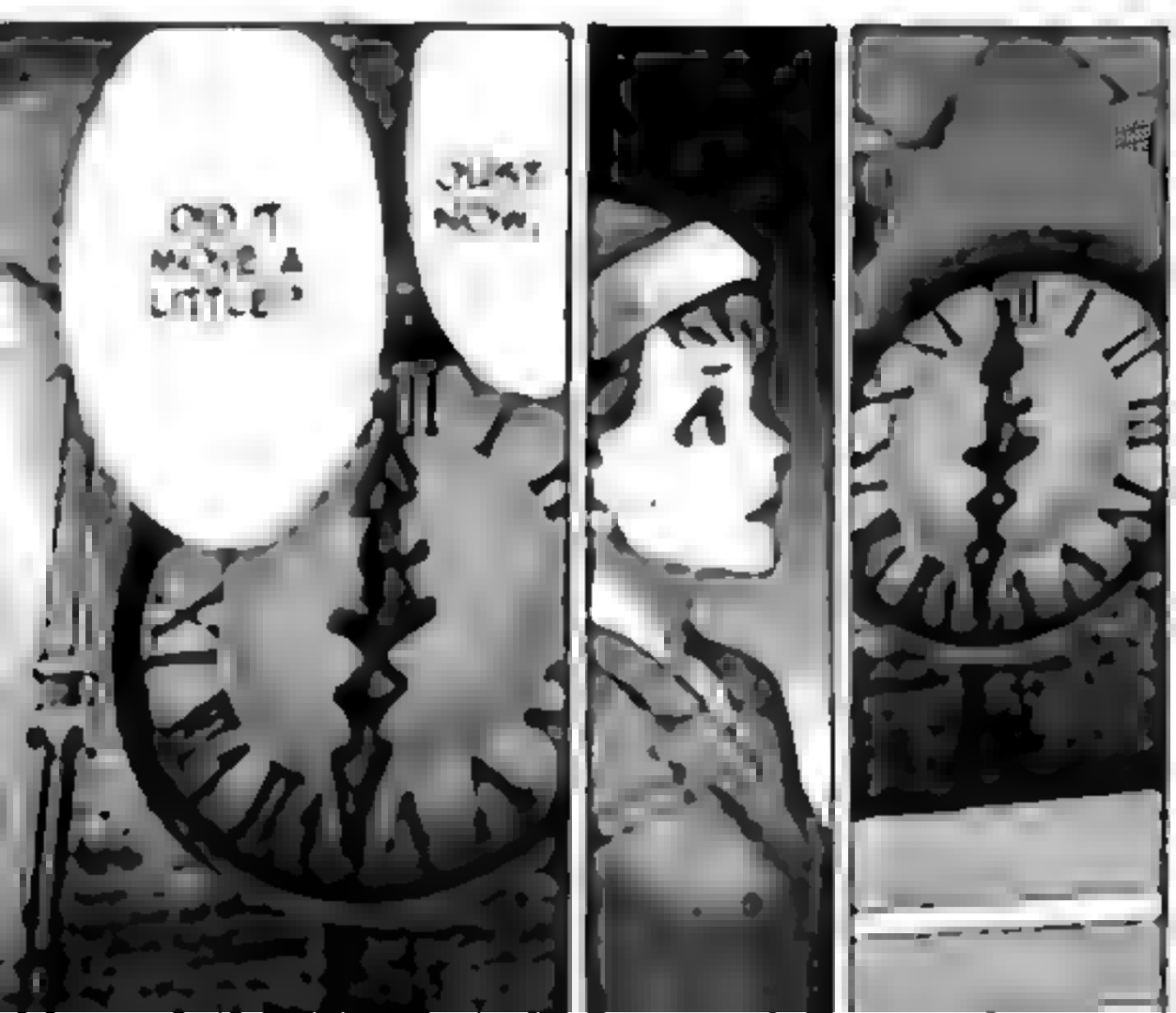
• • •

A MURDER ALMOST HAPPENED THERE...

ACTUALLY, A WHILE BACK,






DON'T MOVE A LITTLE!
JUST NOW!

WAS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION...?

IF WHAT AMANO-KUN SAID IS TRUE,

IF THERE IS SOMEONE WHO CAN MAKE THE CLOCK MOVE,

THEN THAT MIGHT BE THE PERSON WHO KILLED THE OLD WOMAN,

THAT WOULD MEAN THAT THERE'S A CHANCE THAT RIKA IS STILL ALIVE...

AND,

IF RIKA TRULY IS DEAD, IT WOULD MEAN THAT THE MURDERER IS SOMEONE ELSE.

I JUST WANT TO FIND SOME TRAILS.

THEN I CAN MAKE AN AWESOME STORY-

...

ANY-THING WOULD DO.

AND BREAK THROUGH,

IN THIS MALE-ORIENTED SOCIETY

NICE TO MEET YOU, I'M HANAZONO FROM THE KOBE NEWS AGENCY.

ARE YOU THE CARETAKER?

EGM

WHO ARE YOU?

A HIDDEN SHELF?

. . . .

A MASK,

AND A ROPE?

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I'LL LET MYSELF OUT.

.....

YOU MUSTN'T GO THERE ON YOUR OWN.

AAAAA

KYAA
AAAAA

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THE CULPRIT'S NAME

IT'S ME AMANO...

GOOD MORNING.

EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT INSPECTOR.

YOU'RE AMANO TAICHI RIGHT?

HEY,

SHE'S MY FORMER CLASSMATE ...

DO YOU KNOW A HANAZONO MEGUMI?

YES.

YES, HE'S ALSO A FORMER CLASSMATE OF MINE.

AND MIMURA TATSU-HIKO?

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HE'S THE GUY MIMURA'S TALKING ABOUT.

THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT INSPECTOR.

WHERE TO?

?

LET'S GO AMANO.

...

I'LL BRING HIM WITH ME,

YEAH, I'LL BE THERE RIGHT AWAY.

SEE YA.

TO THE SCENE OF A CRIME.

EH? ARE YOU SURE THAT'S ALL RIGHT!?

IT DOESN'T MATTER! EITHER IS FINE, YAMASHIN A-KUN!!

2:55 HUH.

IT'S 11:10,

IN-SPEC-TOR

IT'S AS IF WE ARE SEEING THE SAME CRIME FROM TWO YEARS AGO!!

MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY DID THE CULPRIT DO SOMETHING THIS TROUBLESOME!?

IF WE ASSUME IT WAS THE SAME CULPRIT, THEN COULD IT BE THAT SOMEONE ELSE KILLED THE OLD WOMAN? OR COULD IT BE THAT RIKA IS STILL ALIVE?

BUT...IF WE ASSUME...

HOWEVER... THE CULPRI...

HOWEVER, THE CULPRIT RIKA IS ALREADY DECEASED !!

SINCE WHOEVER DID IT, MANAGED TO MAKE THE CLOCK TOWER MOVE,

WE CAN'T RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WAS THE SAME CULPRIT...

I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY AND I'LL HAVE YOU ANSWER ME TODA...

AH-I'M SORRY, MY BRAIN JUST MOVES TOO FAST...

WHY DO YOU KEEP SPROUTING OUT WORDS LIKE THAT!!

LOOK AT THAT.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, INSPECTOR-

6 *T/N - THE KANJI FOR "RI" IN RIKA CAN ALSO BE READ AS REI

. . .

RIKA!*

A CIRCLE ...

ZERO,

NULL...

A MESSAGE FROM THE MURDERER ?

A BLOODY CIRCLE.

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MARUBE...*

T/N - MARU MEANS CIRCLE IN JAPANESE.

A WARNING TO THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR MARUBE WHO JUST BOUGHT THIS MANSION...

THAT ASIDE, A SIMPLE CIRCLE COULD MEAN...?

THAT'S THE CULPRIT'S NAME!!

IT CAME TO ME!!

RIKA IS STILL ALIVE!!

A WARNING, SAYING, TO GO AWAY.

REALLY HANAZONO-SAN?

...IS THAT-

XII

...IF I.

HADN'T SAID THOSE UNNECES-SARY THINGS...

AFTER I SPECIFICALLY TOLD HER NOT TO GO ALONE...!!

...I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS

THIS IS THE FIRST PERSON THAT DISCO-VERED THE BODY

GIVE ME A LIGHT

A LIGHT

...

HE HAD HIS EYES ON MY FIANCÉE!!

AMANO TAICHI!

IT'S HIM.

HE'S THE CULPRIT!!

SO HE DECIDED TO TAKE HER TO AN ABANDONED PLACE AND MAKE HER LIKE HIS!!"

IS THAT TRUE?

....IT...WASN'T ME.

YEAH.

ARE YOU SURE IT'S REALLY HER...

MIMURA ?

NOT YET

THE DOCTOR TOLD US TO WAIT FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT.

SINCE SHE'S HOSPI-TALIZED,

...HAVE YOU,

ALREADY CONTACTED HER MOTHER?

HOW-EVER,

BEFORE WE DO THE AUTOPSY.

WE NEED TO TELL HER,

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SHE WAS NAKED?

I'LL...

JUST GO IN BY MYSELF THEN.

HUH?

IT'S THE SAME FOR YOU ISN'T IT

EVEN IF I GO, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY

YOU WON'T GO IN?

SHE WANTS TO BE LEFT ALONE FOR A WHILE.

CAN I TALK TO HER FOR A MOMENT?

...ALL RIGHT.

IT SHOULD BE OVER IN ABOUT AN HOUR.

I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO THE TWO OF YOU, SO COULD WAIT HERE UNTIL THE AUTOPSY IS OVER?

TIED HANAZONO-SAN'S BODY TO THE CLOCK AS IF IT WERE A TOY...

THE MURDERER,

COULD IT BE.

A COMPLETELY NAKED BODY OF A YOUNG, BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

I BET HER MOTHER THINKS THE SAME-

BUT ALSO RAPED...?

SHE WASN'T JUST MURDERED,

THAT NOT ONLY WAS HER DAUGHTER ROBBED OF HER LIFE,

BUT ALSO OF HER DIGNITY AS A WOMAN.

IT'S PAINFUL...

BUT,

NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT.

THERE IS,

OF HER MOTHER FROM HERE ON, RIGHT?

YOU WILL TAKE CARE,

WHAT?

MIMURA.

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I'M BEING REALISTIC.

DON'T LOOK AT ME WITH THOSE EYES.

THERE'S NOTHING CONNECTING ME TO HER MOTHER ANYMORE. I HAVE NO SUCH OBLIGATIONS !!

MEGUMI DIED RIGHT?

HA?

OR ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY YOU'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF A COMPLETE STRANGER UP TILL NOW?

...BESIDES, YOU ARE IN NO POSI-TION TO BE SAYING THAT.

THOUGH RIGHT NOW, I'M AT LEAST THINKING OF TAKING CARE OF A COMPLETE STRANGER...

HE'S GOT A POINT,

WAS... WAS SHE...

POLICE OFFICER,

THE AUTOPSY IS OVER.

WERE THERE...

ANY SIGNS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT?

NO,

THERE WERE NO SUCH TRACES FOUND ON THE BODY.

I'M RELIEVED.

...

SHE NEVER HAD ANY EXPERIENCE WITH MEN SO TO SAY.

SHE NEVER HAD.

ANY OTHER GUYS BEFORE ME.

I REALLY,

CHERISHED HER.

MIMURA,

...

YET... SOMTHING LIKE THIS...

SHE ALSO WISHED FOR THAT...

AND WAS SUPPOSED TO BECOME MY BEAUTIFUL FAITHFUL WIFE.

SHE WAS JUST ABOUT TO QUIT HER JOB,

ARE YOU SHEDDING THOSE TEARS OF YOURS?

JUST FOR WHOM.

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THAT SHE WANTED TO CONTINUE WITH HER WORK.

MANA-ZONO-SAN SAID,

FOR A GIRL LIKE THAT, SO I WON'T SAY ANYTHING...

YOU DON'T WISH.

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MY OWN WAY OF MOURNING.

I HAVE,

YOU CAN.

MOURN IN YOUR WAY.

ALL RIGHT.

I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST IF SHE HEARS IT FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE POLICE....

I WANT TO TELL HER ABOUT THE AUTOPSY RESULTS...

CAN I SPEAK TO HER MOTHER?

I SEE....

FOR TELLING ME IN PERSON...

THANK YOU.

OF THE HOSPITAL FEES FROM NOW ON

I WILL TAKE CARE.

ACTU-ALLY.

THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO GO THIS FAR.

YOU SAID YOU WERE JUST HER CLASSMATE ...

BUT...

SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT

I CAN'T BETRAY A DEAD PERSON REALLY NOW!

AT FIRST I THOUGHT OF AVOIDING SAYING IT BACK BUT

SO DON'T THINK OF IT AS ME SAYING THE MEDICAL FEES BUT RATHER SAYING OFF MY DEBT AHAHA!

I BORROWED SOME MONEY FROM HER!

AHAHA-HAHA

...THAT'S RIGHT

I MIGHT BE ANNOYING BUT, YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING?

WE'LL TAKE YOU BACK

THANK YOU

I NEED MONEY"

MARUBE WOULD BECOME CAUTIOUS OF ME AND I WOULD BE UNABLE TO GET THE TREASURE-

IF I WERE TO TELL EVERY-THING I KNOW TO THE POLICE,

THAT KILLED HANAZONO-SAN.

IS THE SAME ONE,

THAT FIGURE THAT ATTACKED ME,

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE IT...!!

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THAT IS HOW I'LL CALL IT.

YAHAH AHAHA HA.

LIKE THE BUG THAT IS CALLED THE "DEATH WATCH BEETLE" IN ENGLISH-

THE SHINI-GAMI OF THE CLOCK,

"SHIGAN-MUSHI"

I WILL PUT OFF THAT MASK OF YOURS,

AND CAPTURE YOU!!

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CHAPTER 3 - EVERYWHERE

DID TETSUO COME BACK ALREADY?

.....

JUST NOW,

WAS THERE SOMEONE ON THE SECOND FLOOR?

AH, THANK YOU.

WELL THEN, WE'LL BE OFF.

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IS THAT OF A PERSON WHO KNOWS HOW TO OPERATE THE CLOCK TOWER.

IT'S IDENTITY.

I'M HOME

THE MURDEROUS DEMON OF THE CLOCK TOWER, "SHIBAN-MUSHI"

WHICH MEANS,

THAT TETSUO IS ALSO A POSSIBLE SUSPECT.

WELCOME BACK

AMANO-KUN

I ALSO JUST CAME BACK.

HUH?

WHAT WERE YOU DOING ON THE SECOND FLOOR?

WELL, I DON'T MIND, BUT TRY TO BE MODERATE WITH YOUR CURIOSITY.

WERE YOU ROAMING AROUND WHILE I WAS AWAY?

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WHAT WERE YOU DOING THERE?

I'M SURE I SAW A SHADOW OF SOMEONE ON THE SECOND FLOOR JUST NOW.

UNPLEASANT.

...IT'S A BIT,

THIS SOUNDS LIKE AN INTERROGATION.

DON'T JUST GO BARGING IN.

THE ROOM ON THE SECOND FLOOR IS MY PRIVATE ROOM

HEY

CLICK

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I'VE NEVER BEEN TO THE SECOND FLOOR BEFORE.

WOULD YOU GO OUT?

THIS IS RUDE.

THERE'S BLOOD

AMANO-KUN.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR!!

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WHERE WERE YOU?

LAST NIGHT

WERE YOU AT THE GHOST TOWER!?

ANSWER ME!

DID SOMETHING [illegible] LAST NIGHT?

[illegible]

[illegible]

AND [illegible] TO THE TOWER

SHE WAS STABBED WITH A KNIFE

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THAT GIRL WAS....

.....

BECAUSE I SPOKE TO HER

.....

WHY WAS SHE AT THE GHOST TOWER?

I TRIED TO GET HER ATTENTION, SO I JUST KEPT TALKING ON AND ON!!

I TOLD HERE THERE WAS A MYSTE-RIOUS PERSON THERE...

YOU LOVED HER, DIDN'T YOU...

I JUST KEPT TALKING

I'LL BE THE ONE TO SETTLE THIS!!

I CAN'T LEAVE THIS TO THE POLICE.

SO WHICH WAS IT?

DID YOU
DO IT?

IF

I WERE THE ONE
WHO KILLED HER,

WHAT WOULD
YOU DO?

WOULD YOU HAND
ME OVER TO THE
POLICE?

I'D KILL YOU.

TO KILL A PERSON.

IT'S NOT THAT EASY.

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL BUT...

IN ORDER TO KILL SOMEONE,

BECAUSE A MUCH WORSE PERSON

IF YOU STAY WITH ME

YOU CAN ALSO BECOME ONE.

LAST NIGHT

WHETHER YOU DECIDE TO BELIEVE ME OR NOT IS UP TO YOU.

I WASN'T THE ONE WHO KILLED HER.

I'LL BELIEVE WHAT YOU SAY.

...FOR NOW,

I UNDER-STAND.

I WENT TO A PRIVATE HOSPITAL IN KURE IN HIROSHIMA.

I HAD SOME BUSINESS THERE.

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WAS ACTUALLY TETSUO'S,

IF THE CAR THE EYEWITNESS SAW IN FRONT OF MY APARTMENT AT THAT TIME,

IT'S NOT AS IF I BELIEVE HIM...

THEN THAT WOULD MEAN THAT TETSUO ISN'T "SHIBANMUSHI".

XII

IF I ASSUME THE PERSON WHO ATTACKED ME IS THE SAME PERSON WHO KILLED HANAZONO-SAN,

THEN THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD'VE BEEN THE ONE THAT ATTACKED ME AT THE GHOST TOWER.

THAT IS ONLY THE CASE IF THERE WAS JUST ONE PERPETRATOR.

HOWEVER,

WE MUST BE A GREAT HINDRANCE TO THAT OTHER PERSON, WHO IS ALSO AFTER THE TREASURE.

WHOEVER IT WAS MUST'VE ALREADY NOTIFIED THE POLICE, SO WE CAN EXPECT THEM TO COME SEARCH OUR HOUSE.

THE PERPETRATOR PUT THEM HERE IN ORDER TO INCRIMINATE US.

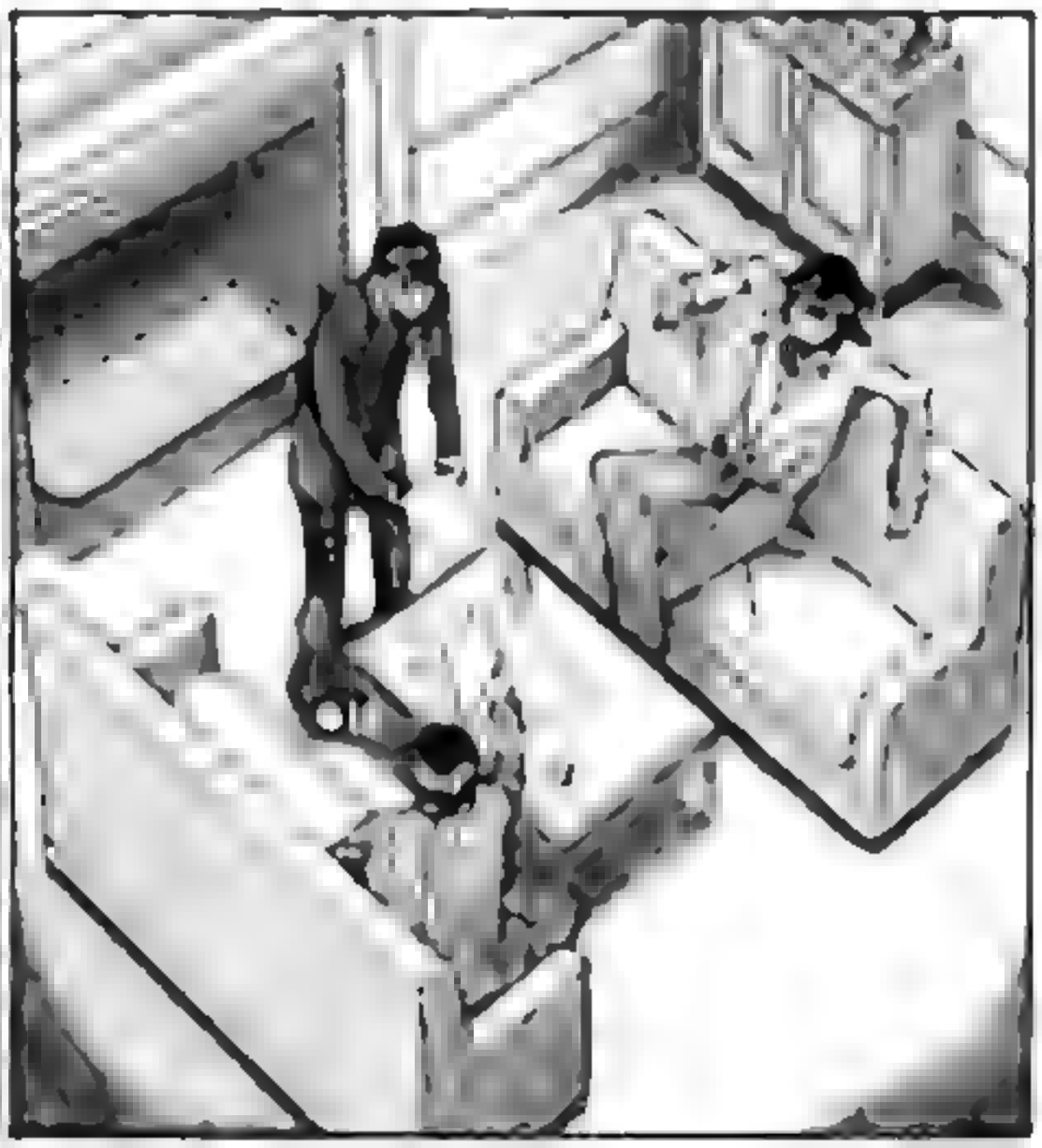
BY THE WAY, WE NEED TO HIDE THIS MASK AND THE KNIFE.

WE CAN RELAX, BECAUSE UNLESS THE MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS APPROVES IT, THE POLICE AREN'T ALLOWED TO OPEN IT.

LET'S JUST SEND IT SOMEWHERE PER POST! WE CAN SEND IT TO AN UNKNOWN ADDRESS AND IT'LL BE ALL OVER.

THEN THAT MAKES ME AN ACCOMPLICE!!

IF TETSUO REALLY IS THE CULPRIT,



...THE CULPRIT MIGHT'VE BEEN A WOMAN.
SO THERE WERE NO TRACES OF BODILY FLUIDS HUH

...
HOWEVER, THAT'S JUST A HUNCH.

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT SHE ARRANGED IT LIKE THAT IN ORDER TO CONCEAL THE FACT SHE'S A WOMAN.

TO ME, IT SEEMS MORE LIKE A CRIME DONE BY AN IMPOTENT GUY OR A SEXUAL DEVIANT.

I WILL, MR. PUBLIC PROSE-CUTOR!

WELL, INVESTIGATE AS YOU SEE FIT.

I SEE.

OR IT COULD BE,

.....

WHAT IS IT?

EXCUSE ME, INSPEC-TOR.

WOULD YOU PLEASE LOOK AT THIS PICTURE.

I HAVEN'T TOLD THIS TO THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR MARUBE BUT...

YOU SHOULD REINVESTIGATE THE CASE OF HER DEATH.

THAT IT WAS THE SAME PERSON WHO KILLED THE OLD WOMAN - RIKA.

DIVIDE THE WORK AMONGST YOUR PEOPLE.

YES SIR!

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A WARNING TO THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR MARUBE IS IT...!!

SO THE MURDERER LEFT ANOTHER MESSAGE HERE.

IT'S A PICTURE OF THE CRIME SCENE...

THERE IS ALSO A SMALL BLOODY CIRCLE ON THIS WALL.

HA?

DON'T BE STUPID!

NO, IT'S POSSIBLE THE VICTIM DID...

YOU'RE WORTH-LESS!

HAVE YOU BEEN READING TOO MANY CRIMINAL NOVELS LATELY?

BE-SIDES,

.....

WHY NOT KILL MARUBE HIMSELF, WHY GO AROUND IN CIRCLES....

IF THE PERPETRATOR KILLED SOMEONE JUST TO SEND A MESSAGE,

IT'S A MYSTERY...

SPLAT

SPLAT

A SHIBAN-MUSHI HUH...

THEY'RE UNWANTED EVERYWHERE....

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